Dewan's reply.—Noted. The question of court fee on petitions Irrigation officers will be looked into.

65. Need for repairing the village roads, lanes and streets in the town of Nagercoil.

Mr. Gnaniyar Sahib Taha Sahib (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that branch channel from the Petchipara Reservoir was running near the town of Nagerc towards the south. The bed of the channel and the fields watered by it were 30 above the level of the town in some places. Consequently, water percolated the streets and lanes in the southern portion of the town, and particularly in Kotg Vadiveeswaram and Vadasseri. The filth that accumulated in the lanes was drenc by the water from the channel and the lanes were thus rendered impassable. All ki of diseases emanated from the filthy water and the damp condition of the s The foundations of many buildings were affected by the percolation of water. T Member therefore requested that, in the interests of the health of the town, a outlets might be constructed at certain places to drain away the water into t Parakkay channel.

Dewan's reply.—The lanes in the town of Nagercoil come to about 100 mil Besides the important public roads passing through the town, the Public Wo Department now maintain about 5 miles of these lanes. Some more of the wi lanes could probably be entrusted to them for maintenance. The Chief Engine will be consulted in the matter and the needful will be done. The Town Impro ment Committee will have to see to the maintenance of the remaining lanes. If t Committee have not sufficient funds at their disposal, they may raise the same additional taxation.

66. Restoration of certain irrigation tanks in the Vilavankod taluk.

Mr. C. Narayana Pillai (Member, Vilavankod taluk) said that the bed of Kuzhithura river was on a lower level than the adjoining lands. The water from river could not therefore be taken to the irrigation tanks of the taluk. The irrig tanks had consequently to be fed by rain-water alone. There were 736 irrigation in the taluk, all of which were now in a state of disrepair. The general cor of the ryots was very poor and they would not be able to attend to the of the tanks. The crops usually failed for want of water. Only two of the 736 came under major tanks and there were 11 others which irrigated over 50 acres The Member requested that, as a measure of relief to the ryots of the taluk ar special reference to the peculiar feature of the irrigation tanks in the taluk, the ment might be pleased to include the 11 minor tanks also under the head of tanks, no contribution being levied from the ryots in respect of their maint In regard to the other tanks, the ryots would gladly pay half the cost but the restoration should be persisted in and something done every year for some come. The Member added that it was owing to the present financial depressio he abstained from pressing the construction of a channel into the taluk from Vannanpara anicut or the Kodayar channel. The subject of the repair of the ir tion tanks had been brought up at eight of the previous sessions, and the Dew the tenth session, replied that the Government recognised the urgency and that action would soon be taken. But nothing had been done in the matter and no had yet been allotted in the budget for the repair of any of the tanks.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. With regard to the Vannanpara channel, the C Engineer says that the cost of the scheme is out of all proportion to the advanta that may be derived from it. Investigation has been made in regard to the majo minor irrigation tanks in the taluk and the Government expect the Chief Engine report soon. The petty tanks have also been taken into consideration in the inve gation. The whole question will be carefully considered as soon as the C Engineer's report is received.

In this connection, I will say a few words for the information of the Memb generally. Several representations have been made by the Members in succes sessions of the Assembly and the Members have also urged strongly their reasons support of their requests. There are some suggestions which, though goo themselves, will have to lie over for want of funds, even under normal condit

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